



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

750 ILCS 5/404.1

from Ch. 40, par. 404.1

Amends the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. Makes a technical change in a Section regarding educational programs concerning the effect of dissolution of marriage on children.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of
5 Marriage Act is amended by changing Section 404.1 as follows:

6 (750 ILCS 5/404.1) (from Ch. 40, par. 404.1)

7 Sec. 404.1. (a) In an action for dissolution of marriage
8 involving minor children, or in a post-judgment proceeding
9 involving minor children, the ~~the~~ court may on its own motion
10 order the parties, excluding the minor children, to attend an
11 educational program concerning the effects of dissolution of
12 marriage on the children, if the court finds that it would be
13 in the best interests of the minor children. The program may be
14 divided into sessions, which in the aggregate shall not exceed
15 4 hours in duration. The program shall be educational in nature
16 and not designed for individual therapy.

17 (b) The facts adduced at any educational session resulting
18 from a referral under this Section shall not be considered in
19 the adjudication of a pending or subsequent action, nor shall
20 any report resulting from such educational session become part
21 of the record of the case unless the parties have stipulated in
22 writing to the contrary.

23 (c) The fees or costs of educational sessions under this

1 Section shall be borne by the parties and may be assessed by
2 the court as it deems equitable.

3 (Source: P.A. 86-288.)